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Asen

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1. Asen airfield is allegedly located at N 42-40, E 25-12.
 work started in November 1951 on the improvement and expansion of this field. 25X1

Aytos

2. Aytos airfield is located at N 42-41, E 27-15-30. It is not known if this field is at present being used.

Balchik

3. Balchik airfield is located at N 43-24-30, E 28-12, three kilometers east of the city of Balchik, and south of the highway to Kavarna. This field was recently constructed, is occupied by Soviet air forces and is equipped with modern installations. The old airfield of Balchik is located north of the highway to Kavarna, approximately one kilometer from the city.

Belitsa

4. Belitsa airfield is located at N 41-40, E 23-13-30. It is not known if this field is at present being used.

Bezdenitsa

5. There is no record of the existence of an airfield at this location.

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Bezmer

6. Bezmer airfield is located at N 42-28, E 26-22-30, immediately southwest of the village of Bezmer, between the Yambol - Nova Zagora railway and highway, 10 kilometers west of Yambol. This airfield was constructed recently and no details are known regarding its installations. It is equipped with a concrete runway. Jet fighters are known to be based at Bezmer airfield.

Botevgrad

7. The airfield near Botevgrad (N 42-54, E 23-47) is an ~~emergency field and includes~~ no installations.

Bukhovtsi

8. Bukhovtsi airfield is allegedly located at N 43-18, E 26-41-30. It is not known if this field is at present being used.

Burgas/Atanasovo

9. The Burgas/Atanasovo airfield is located at N 42-32-30, E 27-27-30. The existence of this airfield was first reported in 1951 at which time it was occupied by Soviets.

Burgas/Sarafovo

10. The Burgas/Sarafovo airfield is located at N 42-35-30, E 27-32, ten kilometers north-northwest of Burgas, north of the Sarafovo - Pomorie railway, and approximately one kilometer from Sarafovo. This airfield is 2,000 x 1,200 meters in size and is equipped with two hangars, a fuel depot, and radio installations. Although the Burgas/Sarafovo airfield apparently does not have a concrete runway, it still is a fairly important field where a good amount of flying activity takes place.

Byala Slatina

11. Byala Slatina airfield is allegedly located at N 43-27, E 23-53-30. this is an emergency field. No further details are known about it. 25X1

Cherna Gora

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12. The airfield near Cherna Gora (N 42-12-40, E 25-13-30) is 1,200 x 1,000 meters in size and is located on the Plovdiv - Chirpan railway line. No further details are known concerning this field.

Chirpan

13. Chirpan airfield is located at N 42-11-30, E 25-21, one kilometer southeast of the village of Chirpan. It is not known if this field is at present being used.

Dimitrovgrad

14. The Dimitrovgrad (Rakovski) airfield is allegedly located at N 42-03, E 25-38, approximately four kilometers east of Dimitrovgrad, between the railway and Maritsa River. No details are known concerning this field.

Dobrich

15. Two airfields are known to exist in the vicinity of Dobrich, as follows:

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- a. Dobrich # 1, located at N 43-35-55, E 27-50, six kilometers northeast of the city of Dobrich; this field is 2,000 x 1,000 meters in size; it has no concrete runways; no details are known concerning installations here; and
- b. Dobrich # 2, located at N 43-35-55, E 27-49, approximately four kilometers north of Dobrich, west of the road to Paskalevo (N 43-38, E 27-50); this field is equipped with a 2,000-meter runway, four large hangars, and various additional buildings the exact location of which is not known; Dobrich # 2 airfield is the base for Bulgarian jet fighter units.

16. a third airport is allegedly located south of the city of Dobrich. No details are known as to the name and exact location of this field.

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Dolna Mitropoliya

17. Dolna Mitropoliya airfield is located at N 43-27, E 24-30-30, immediately south of the village of Dolna Mitropoliya. The field is 1,500 x 1,000 meters in size and is equipped with four hangars located on the north side of the airfield. Apparently there is no concrete runway here. The Bulgarian Aeronautical Academy is located at Dolna Mitropoliya airfield.

Dolni Dŭbnik

18. The airfield near Dolni Dŭbnik (N 43-24-40, E 24-26) is located approximately halfway between Gorni Dŭbnik and Dolni Dŭbnik. This field is allegedly 1,600 x 1,000 meters in size and has a rolled earth runway and various buildings located on the northwest side of the airfield.

Dolni Tsibor

19. Dolni Tsibor airfield is located at N 43-48, E 23-21-20, approximately two kilometers southeast of the village of Dolni Tsibor and two kilometers south of the Danube River. No details are known concerning this airfield.

Dospat

20. Dospat airfield is located at N 41-42, E 24-05, approximately seven kilometers northwest of the village of Dospat. No details are known concerning this field.

Dupnitsa

21. Dupnitsa airfield is located at N 42-17-30, E 23-08-30, one kilometer northeast of the village of Dupnitsa. It is not known if this field is at present being used.

Elkhovo

22. Elkhovo airfield is located at N 42-08, E 26-32. In 1950, construction work was allegedly carried out here. No further details are known concerning this field.

Gabrovnitsa

23. No details are known concerning an airfield located near Gabrovnitsa (N 43-32, E 23-16), other than that in the summer of 1951 work was allegedly carried out toward the renovation of an old airfield the exact location of which is not known.

Gabrovo

24. The airfield located near Gabrovo (N 42-52, E 25-19) is allegedly in use at present. No details are known concerning this field.

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Gara Asenovo

25. There is no record of the existence of an airfield at Gara Asenovo (N 43-17, E 26-03.)

Golyamo Konare

26. Golyamo Konare airfield is located at N 42-16-30, E 24-30-30, two kilometers west-northwest of the village of Golyamo Konare. This airfield is apparently being used and a concrete runway is allegedly under construction here. No further details are known concerning this field.

Gorna Dzhumaya

27. Gorna Dzhumaya airfield is located at N 42-00, E 23-04, approximately three kilometers southwest of Gorna Dzhumaya, between the Struma River and the railway line to Sofia. the airfield is allegedly 1,200 x 800 meters in size and equipped with an asphalt runway and at least five hangars. 25X1

Gorna Oryakhovitsa

28. Gorna Oryakhovitsa airfield is located at N 43-09, E 25-43, three kilometers northeast of Gorna Oryakhovitsa and north of the railway to Shumen. This field is equipped with four large hangars. It is not known if there is a concrete runway here. Bulgarian Air Force units are based at the Gorna Oryakhovitsa airfield.

Graf Ignatiev

29. Graf Ignatiev airfield is located at N 42-19, E 24-43-30, two kilometers north-northwest of Graf Ignatiev, west of the railway to Karlovo. The field is 2,000 x 1,600 meters in size and is equipped with a concrete runway. Five hangars are situated on the south side of this field which is equipped with modern installations. Bulgarian Air Force and Soviet units are based at Graf Ignatiev airfield.

Ikhtiman

30. Ikhtiman airfield is located at N 42-25, E 23-48-30, one kilometer south of Ikhtiman and east of the Sofia - Plovdiv railway line. Allegedly, this is an emergency field and is not equipped with any installations, and is used only for air maneuvers.

Kalkovo

31. Kalkovo airfield is located at N 42-27-30, E 23-35-15, two kilometers east of Kalkovo. It is not known if this field is at present being used.

Kalofer

32. The airfield near Kalofer (N 42-36-30, E 24-58) is located approximately six kilometers from Kalofer village. This field is allegedly used for glider flying.

Karlovo/Marino Pole

33. The Karlovo/Marino Pole airfield is located at N 42-35-30, E 24-53, south of the Karlovo - Kazanluk railway line, and ten kilometers east-southeast of Karlovo. An unspecified number of hangars are located on the north side of the field. It is not known if this field is equipped with a concrete runway. A Bulgarian Air Force fighter regiment is based at the Karlovo/Marino Pole airfield.

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Kazanluk

34. Kazanluk airfield (N 42-38, E 25-22-30) is located two kilometers northwest of Kazanluk, north of the highway to Golemo Selo (N 42-48, E 25-05). Two hangars are located on the west side of the field. On the east side of Kazanluk airfield there is a complex of buildings which, prior to World War II, [redacted] now known as Zavod 13. 25X1
35. Following amplification work carried out in 1951, this field should now be 2,500 x 1,500 meters in size. Although not certain, it is probable that there is a concrete runway at Kazanluk airfield. The present production of Zavod 13 is not certain although it allegedly is now manufacturing airplanes.1 25X1
36. Another airport is allegedly located in this area, approximately three kilometers southeast of Kazanluk. No details are known concerning this airfield.2

Kermen

37. There is no record of the existence of an airfield at Kermen (N 42-30, E 26-15).

Kharmanlii

38. The exact location of the airfield near Kharmanlii (N 41-55-30, E 25-54) is not known. This airfield is allegedly at present being used.

Khaskovo/Malevo

39. The Khaskovo/Malevo airfield is located at N 41-51, E 25-37, approximately nine kilometers southeast of Khaskovo, west of the village of Malevo. No further details are known concerning this airfield.

Krumovo

40. Krumovo airfield is located at N 42-03, E 24-51-20, approximately five kilometers southeast of Krumovo, just east of the railway to Asenovgrad. This field is equipped with a concrete runway 1,200 meters long; it is probable that the runway has been lengthened. Bulgarian Air Force units are based at Krumovo airfield.
41. Another airport is allegedly located in this area, approximately three kilometers southeast of Krumovo. No details are known concerning this airfield.

Kurdzhali

42. There is no record of the existence of an airfield at Kurdzhali (N 41-39, E 25-21).

Kyustendil

43. Kyustendil airfield is allegedly located at N 42-17, E 22-39. This field was recently modernized and enlarged and is allegedly occupied by Soviets. No further details are known concerning this airfield.

Levski

44. Levski airfield is allegedly located at N 43-22, E 25-09. [redacted] this field is at present being used. No details are known concerning Levski airfield. 25X1

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Lom

45. Lom airfield is located at N 43-48-30, E 23-13, in the southwestern outskirts of Lom. This field is allegedly occupied by Soviets.

Lovech

46. Lovech airfield is located at N 43-10-30, E 24-42, three kilometers north-northwest of Lovech, west of the road to Pleven. The field includes two hangars and a rolled earth runway. This airfield is allegedly equipped with a plant for assembling airplanes and engines.

Maslarevo

47. The exact location of the airfield near Maslarevo (N 43-25, E 25-28) is not known. This field is allegedly occupied by Soviets.

Mokren

48. There is no record of the existence of an airfield at Mokren (N 42-44, E 26-39).

Nevrokop

49. Nevrokop airfield is located at N 41-33-30, E 23-46, two kilometers east-southeast of Nevrokop. Work for improving and enlarging this airfield was allegedly carried out recently. No details are known concerning this work.

Novoseltsi/Musachevo

50. The Novoseltsi/Musachevo airfield is located at N 42-41, E 23-35, at the center of the triangle formed by Novoseltsi, Musachevo, and Grigorevo. No details are known concerning this airfield.

Pavlikeni

51. Pavlikeni airfield is located at N 43-15-30, E 25-18, one kilometer north of Pavlikeni. It is not known if this airfield is at present being used.

Petrich

52. Petrich airfield is located at N 41-23-35, E 23-09-30, four kilometers west-southwest of Petrich, approximately two kilometers south of the Struma River. This field is not equipped with a concrete runway. [redacted] this airfield is allegedly occupied by Soviets. No further details are known concerning Petrich airfield.

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Plovdiv

53. Plovdiv airfield is located at N 42-07-30, E 24-46, three kilometers southeast of the city of Plovdiv, east of the road and railroad to Asenovgrad. The airfield is equipped with six hangars located on the northwestern side of the field and allegedly contains modern installations including facilities for night flying. This airfield is for military and civilian use. Regularly scheduled airline flights land here and a DOSO (Dobrovolna Organizatsiya za Sudeystvie na Otbranata; Voluntary Organization for Defense Assistance) unit is active at this airfield.

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Polikraishte

54. Polikraishte airfield is located at N 43-12-30, E 25-39, approximately two kilometers northwest of Polikraishte, north of the railway line to Pleven. [redacted] this field is equipped with two hangars and various buildings the location of which is not known. Polikraishte airfield is allegedly 2,000 x 1,500 meters in size. 25X1

Popovo

55. Popovo airfield is located at N 43-23, E 26-15-30, four kilometers northeast of the village of Popovo. It is not known if this airfield is at present being used.

Provadiya

56. There is no record of the existence of an airfield at Provadiya (N 43-11, E 27-27).

Radomir/Vurba

57. Radomir airfield is located at N 42-31-45, E 22-57-45, approximately half way between Radomir and Vurba (N 42-31, E 22-58), east of the road to Kyustendil. This field is 1,000 x 500 meters in size. No details are known concerning Radomir airfield.

Resen

58. The airfield near Resen (N 43-12, E 25-33) is allegedly located approximately three kilometers east of the village of Resen, and is 1,500 x 1,000 meters in size. No details are known with regard to the installations at this airfield.

Retshitsa

59. The airfield near Retshitsa (N 42-37-40, E 26-16-30) is allegedly being used at present. The exact location of this airfield is not known.

Ruse

60. Ruse airfield is located at N 43-51-30, E 25-59, approximately two kilometers northeast of the city of Ruse. [redacted] work for the modernization and enlargement of this airfield is in progress. It is certain that Ruse airfield is being used. No details are known concerning this airport. 25X1

Sheinovo/Shipka

61. The Sheinovo/Shipka airfield is located at N 42-41-30, E 25-20, one kilometer northeast of Sheinovo, north of the road to Kazanluk. This airfield is reported to be in use. No further details are known concerning the Sheinovo/Shipka airfield.

Shumen

62. Shumen airfield is located at N 43-17, E 26-56-30, two kilometers northeast of the city of Shumen. This airfield is reported to be in use but there are no installations here. No details are known concerning Shumen airfield.

Simitli

63. Simitli airfield is located at N 41-52-45, E 23-06-30, two kilometers west-southwest of the village of Simitli. It is not known if this airfield is at present being used.

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Sliven

64. The airfield near Sliven (N 42-41, E 26-19) is allegedly located southeast of the city of Sliven. This field is approximately 2,000 x 1,000 meters in size and is equipped with hangars and various buildings the location of which is not known.

Sofia/Bozhurishte

65. Sofia/Bozhurishte airfield is located at N 42-45, E 23-11, thirteen kilometers from the center of Sofia, in a northwesterly direction, south of the road to Slivnitsa. This field was modernized and enlarged in 1951 and it is probable, although not certain, that it includes a concrete runway. The field is equipped with at least four hangars located on the northeastern side, and also has a repair shop. A Bulgarian Air Force fighter regiment, a school for parachutists, and unidentified Soviet units are based at this airfield.

Sofia/Dobroslavtsi, or Kumaritsa

66. The Sofia/Dobroslavtsi, or Kumaritsa airfield is located at N 42-49, E 23-18, thirteen kilometers from the center of Sofia, between the villages of Dobroslavtsi and Kumaritsa. This is an important airport which was recently constructed and is equipped with a concrete runway which is 2,000 meters in length. The limits of the runway are connected, by means of taxi-strips, to the hangars which are situated on the northern side of the airfield.
67. A Bulgarian Air Force divisional command and probably a fighter regiment are based at this airfield. Underground hangars have been constructed in the hills located approximately two kilometers north of this airport. A cement taxi-way connects these hangars to the western extremity of the runway.

Sofia/Vrazhdebna

68. The Sofia/Vrazhdebna airfield is located at N 42-41-30, E 23-23-30, west of the Iskur River and east of Sofia. This airfield includes modern installations and is equipped with a concrete runway 1,500 meters in length, four hangars, and various buildings which are located on the north side of the field. Bulgarian and Soviet jet fighter units are allegedly based here. Bulgarian civilian airlines also land at this airfield.

Sopot/Anevo

69. The Sopot/Anevo airfield is located at N 42-38-15, E 24-44-20. 25X1
 this field was allegedly enlarged. No details 25X1
 are known concerning this airfield.

Sozopol

70. Sozopol airfield is allegedly located at N 42-24-30, E 27-40-30. This is a hydroplane base located south of Burgas and, in 1951, it was allegedly equipped with modern installations.

Stara Zagora

71. Stara Zagora airfield is located at N 42-22, E 25-41, six kilometers southeast of the city of Stara Zagora, two kilometers east of the road to Kharmanlii. The field is approximately 2,000 x 1,000 meters in size and includes a rolled earth runway and four hangars.

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Telish

72. Telish airfield is located at N 43-20-30, E 24-15, one and one-half kilometers north-northwest of Telish, adjacent on the northwest side to the railway line to Pleven. Telish airfield is well equipped and has two hangars, a concrete runway 1,200 meters long, and an airplane repair shop. A school for blind flying is located at this base.

Topolite

73. Topolite airfield is located at N 43-14-30, E 27-47-30, two kilometers southwest of Aksakovo and 500 meters north of the Devnya - Varna highway. This field is 1,800 x 1,200 meters in size, does not have a concrete runway, and is equipped with two hangars situated in the northwestern corner of the base. Civilian airlines land at Topolite airfield.

Troyan

74. Troyan airfield is allegedly located at N 42-51-30, E 24-47 and is reported to be 1,200 x 800 meters in size. No details are known concerning this field other than that it is equipped with two hangars.

Tsarevo

75. There is no record of the existence of an airfield at Tsarevo (Michurin, N 42-10, E 27-52).

Tutrakan

76. The exact location of the airfield near Tutrakan (N 44-03, E 26-36-30) is not known. This airfield was allegedly constructed recently. No further details are known.

Varna/Penerdzhik

77. The Varna/Penerdzhik airfield is located at N 42-30-30, E 26-29, on the southern bank of Lake Varna, approximately six kilometers west-southwest of the city of Varna. It is probable though not certain that this airfield is equipped with a concrete runway. There are two hangars here. On the north, the field borders with the Varna/Chayka Hydroplane Base.

Vidbol

78. The small emergency field located north of Vidbol (N 43-55, E 22-49) is allegedly no longer being used.

Vidin

79. Vidin airfield is located at N 44-01, E 22-49-30. It is reported that work has been carried out at an airport at Vidin. It is not certain if this consists of the construction of a new airfield or improvement of the old airfield.

Vratsa

80. Vratsa airfield is located at N 43-13-30, E 23-31-30, one kilometer north-northwest of the city of Vratsa, between the highway and railway line to Lom. Enlargement and modernization work has allegedly been carried out at this airfield. Vratsa airfield is reported to have a concrete runway 1,500 meters long and underground hangars. No units are alleged to be based here.

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Yambol

81. Yambol airfield is located at N 42-30-30, E 26-29, three kilometers north-northwest of the city of Yambol, west of the Yambol - Burgas railway line. This field is equipped with a concrete runway, an underground fuel depot, and an unspecified number of hangers.
82. Another airfield known as the Yambol/Botevo airfield is located in this area, approximately 10 kilometers south of the city of Yambol. Bulgarian units previously held to be at Yambol airfield are now allegedly based at the Yambol/Botevo field. No further details are known concerning this field. ³

Zlatitsa

83. There is no record of the existence of an airfield at Zlatitsa (N 42-43, E 24-10). 25X1

Comments:

1. [redacted]
2. [redacted] this airfield is referred to as Ovoshnik airfield.
3. It is realized that the information contained in this report on Bulgarian airfields is, in general, very meager and in some cases dated. However, this report is being disseminated chiefly because of the large number of airfields listed and because of the very careful manner in which the majority of them are pinpointed by coordinates. [redacted]

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